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**VIA ECF & EMAIL**

The Honorable Nelson S. Román  
United States District Court Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601

**Re:     *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaeke,*  
17 Cr. 225 (NSR)**

Dear Judge Román:

We have been assigned as legal advisors to Chukwuemeka Okparaeke in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Okparaeke is currently scheduled to be sentenced on April 6, 2021. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that Mr. Okparaeke's sentencing be adjourned for 60 days. Mr. Okparaeke's unit at the Metropolitan Detention Center was locked down from December 3, 2020, until approximately last week. Mr. Okparaeke was allowed out of his cell during lockdown for 30 minutes every other day until approximately last week. Presently, Mr. Okparaeke is allowed out of his cell one hour and half a day; however, he still does not have access to the computer provided by the Government which has Microsoft software that he needs in order to draft a sentencing submission. As a result, he has been unable to finish drafting his sentencing submission. An adjournment of 60 days will allow Mr. Okparaeke sufficient time to draft his sentencing submission and review the submission with counsel. This is Mr. Okparaeke's second request for an adjournment of his sentencing. The first request was granted. The Government consents to this request. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Mr. Okparaeke's sentencing be adjourned for approximately 60 days, to the week of June 7, 2021, or a date that is convenient to the Court.

The Court's time and consideration of this matter are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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